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Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed March 15, 2000, Paper No. 8. The original period for response is a shortened statutory period of thirty (30) days from the mailing date of the Official Action. Accordingly, this reply is considered to be timely filed.

REMARKS

Summary of the Official Action

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present Application. In the Official Action, the Examiner has entered a restriction requirement which requires election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group 1: Claims 1-10, drawn to a molecule comprising complement control protein H modules, classified in Class 530, subclass 381.